

# Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events:

\*January 31 and  
February 1 - No  
School for Students!

## Teacher Notes:

PALS information will be sent home as soon as all testing is complete. The children have made wonderful progress; I am so proud of them! Watching children grow and learn is truly the best part about my job! Please continue to work with your children nightly to help them reach their full potential.

Thank you for all of the snacks and bones! I appreciate it. We are still accepting snacks that are in the shape of dinosaurs.

As of right now, January 31 and February 1 are professional days for teachers and that means no school for students. Any revisions to our school calendar will be passed on to you as soon as we are aware of the changes.

## Language Arts:

We did manage to accomplish a lot this week with the letter "d" and dinosaurs. There are lots of things to learn about dinosaurs, and we were able to have lots of fun while learning about them. We really enjoyed reading the book, *A Boy Wants a Dinosaur*. After we read the book, we did a writing activity about what we would do if we had a dinosaur for a pet - what we would name it, where would we keep it, and what would we feed it. We also discussed what is the same/different about dinosaurs and people. Who knew that we had so many things in common with dinosaurs? We also talked about what it means when something is *extinct*; ask your child about this word and find out if they can tell you something that is extinct and something that is living.

## Math:

For fun with dinosaurs in math, we used our dinosaurs from home to learn about addition. We did try some pencil/paper addition. Some of us caught on very quickly and others had some trouble - no worries! We will spend time every week reviewing and practicing addition until we all have a good understanding of addition and how to perform it. The best way for you to help with this concept at home is to practice writing numbers; many of the children are still writing numbers 1 to 10 incorrectly. We also reviewed patterns with dots and wrote a sentence about the pattern that we made.

## Special Reminders:

- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!

## Homework:

Please choose a skill to practice nightly. Ten minutes a night can make a huge difference!

## Next Week:

Next week, we will begin working with the letter "d" and continue learning about dinosaurs.

*"You only have to  
read on the days  
you eat!"*

**\*Please contact me with any  
questions and concerns:  
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